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Title: "DEGRADATION CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTALLY DEGRADABLE DISPOSABLE MATERIALS"

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This is a Continuation application of pending prior application No. 09/244,324 filed February 3, 1999. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered to be part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Enclosed for filing with the above-identified utility patent application, please find the following:

- 1. Copy of Oath/Declaration from the above-referenced pending prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
- 2. Return Postcard (MPEP 503) (*should be specifically itemized*)
- 3. Other: Copy of Request for Extension of Time filed February 12, 2000, in prior application Serial No. 09/244,32.

FEE CALCULATION:

Cancel in this application original Claims 21 - 168 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

| | (COL. 1) NO. FILED | (COL. 2*) NO. EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY | | OR | LARGE ENTITY | |
|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------------|
| | | | RATE | Fee | | RATE | Fee |
| BASIC FEE: | | | | \$355.00 | OR | | \$710.00 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS: | 20 | - | 20 | 0 | X \$9 = | OR | X \$18 = \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS: | 1 | - | 3 | 0 | X \$40 = | OR | X \$40 = \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | + \$135 = | | OR | + \$270 = | \$0.00 |
| *IF THE DIFFERENCE IN COL. 2 IS LESS THAN ZERO, ENTER "0" IN COL. 2. | | | TOTAL: | | | | \$710.00 |

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. **FILING FEE IS NOT ENCLOSED AT THIS TIME.**
2. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees for extensions of time under §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.
3. The Power of Attorney appears in the papers of the prior pending application.

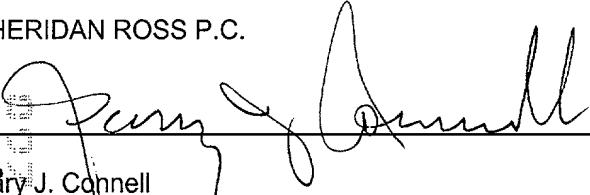
4. The prior application is assigned to Ecopol, LLC.
5. Please amend the specification by inserting the following on page 1, line 4, after "The present application":

--is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/244,324, filed February 3, 1999, entitled "DEGRADATION CONTROL OF ENVIRONMENTALLY DEGRADABLE DISPOSABLE MATERIALS'", which --.
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